MangaBox

CAN'T RIDE A BICYCLE!

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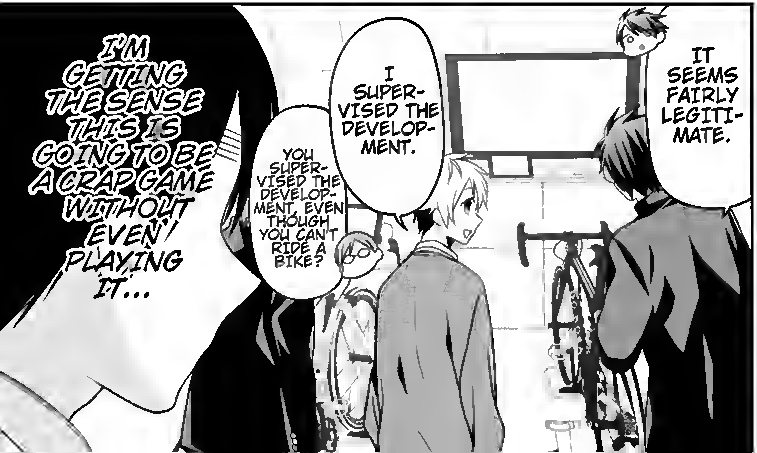
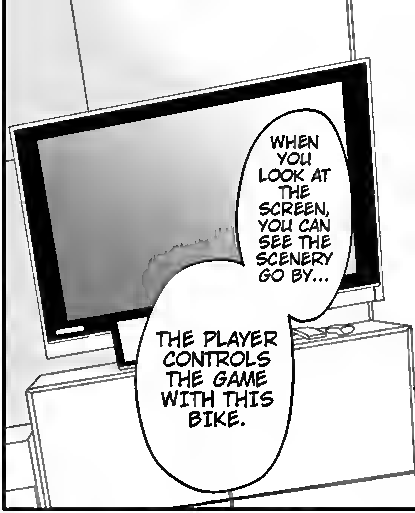
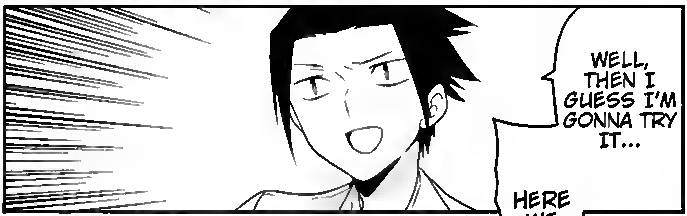
A GAME? YOU MEAN A VIDEO GAME?
YEAH, I WAS THINKING IT'D BE GREAT IF THERE WAS A CYCLING VIDEO GAME.
I ASKED MY DAD AND HE HAD ONE MADE FOR ME.
OH, RIGHT, THE YAKUZA.


IT SEEMS FAIRLY LEGITIMATE.
I SUPERVISED THE DEVELOPMENT.
YOU SUPERVISED THE DEVELOPMENT, EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN'T RIDE A BIKE?
I'M GETTING THE SENSE THIS IS GOING TO BE A CRAP GAME WITHOUT EVEN PLAYING IT...

THIS STORY IS FICTIONAL, AND COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO REAL PEOPLE, GROUPS, OR EVENTS.

Ohh
THE GAME IS CONNECTED TO THE BIKE.
THAT'S SURPRISINGLY COOL.


WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SCREEN, YOU CAN SEE THE SCENERY GO BY...
THE PLAYER CONTROLS THE GAME WITH THIS BIKE.


WELL, THEN I GUESS I'M GONNA TRY IT...
HERE WE GO!

Damn
IT'S HARD TO RIDE A ROAD BIKE WHEN YOU'RE NOT USED TO IT.
NOT LIKE YOU'VE EVER REALLY RIDDEN YOUR GRANNY BIKE, THOUGH...

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WE CAN'T USE THE KICKSTAND WHILE RIDING, HUH?
NOPE!
You just have to ride lightly on the front and rear rollers
EVEN THOUGH WE CAN'T RIDE WITHOUT SUPPORT AT ALL?

GAMES LIKE THIS ARE NO FUN IF THEY'RE NOT BASED IN REALITY, DON'T YOU THINK?
EXPECTING US NOT TO FALL ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY IS THE MOST UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION POSSIBLE.

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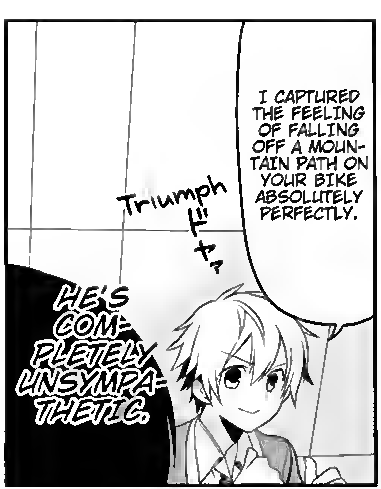
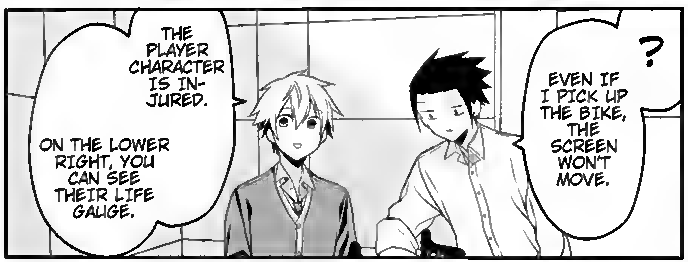
I FELL, BUT THE GAME'S STILL GOIN'.
YOU HAVE TO PICK IT UP AND START AGAIN.
Distance
Time


I CAPTURED THE FEELING OF FALLING OFF A MOUNTAIN PATH ON YOUR BIKE ABSOLUTELY PERFECTLY.
Triumph!
HE'S COMPLETELY UNSYMPATHETIC.

I THINK YOU FELL TOO MUCH AND WE LEFT THE COURSE.
WE CAME OUT IN A WEIRD, UNRECOGNIZABLE PLACE...
A forest?
Are we off the course?
THIS IS THE PART I FOCUSED ON THE MOST.


THE PLAYER CHARACTER IS INJURED.
ON THE LOWER RIGHT, YOU CAN SEE THEIR LIFE GAUGE.
EVEN IF I PICK UP THE BIKE, THE SCREEN WON'T MOVE.
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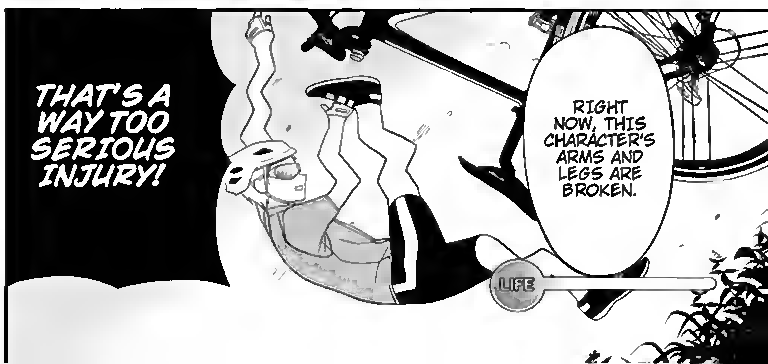
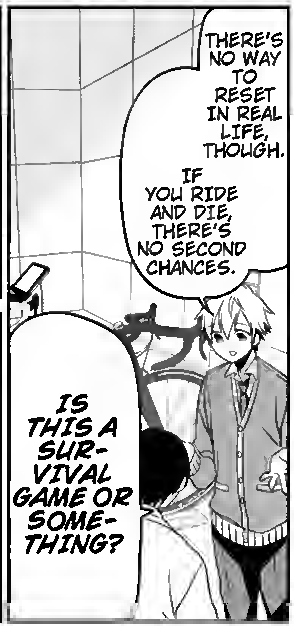

THAT'S A WAY TOO SERIOUS INJURY!
RIGHT NOW, THIS CHARACTER'S ARMS AND LEGS ARE BROKEN.
LIFE

WE'RE ALREADY IN LAST PLACE IN THE RACE.
WE GOTTA MOVE OR WE'LL LOSE!
THERE'S NO POINT NOW...
THIS INJURY WILL TAKE SIX HOURS TO RECOVER FROM.
Phew
A BROKEN BONE TAKES MORE THAN SIX HOURS TO HEAL, THOUGH?
A CUT TAKES THREE MINUTES, A PERFORATED ORGAN TAKES ABOUT 10 HOURS...
SO YOU USED YOURSELF AS THE BASELINE.
WHERE HAS REALITY GONE, AT THIS POINT?!
I DON'T WANT TO WAIT SIX HOURS!
RESET IT! LET'S RESET IT.
Gashes 3 minutes
Broken bones 6 hours
Ruptured organs 10 hours
Severed limbs 3 days

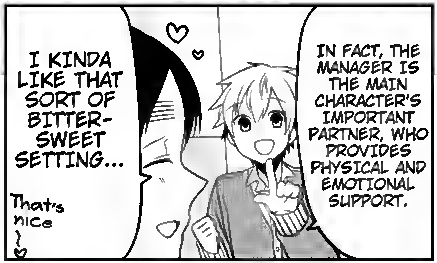
THIS IS DEFI-NITELY A CRAP GAME!
THERE'S NO WAY TO DO THAT.

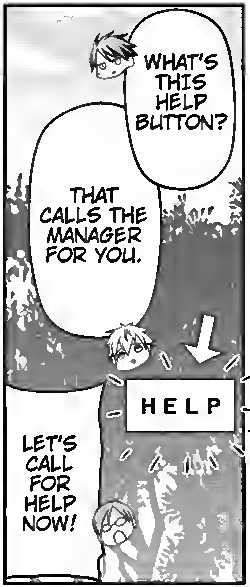
WHAT A STRICT SORT OF GAME...
WE NEED TO GET BETTER AND MOVE ALONG, THEN.

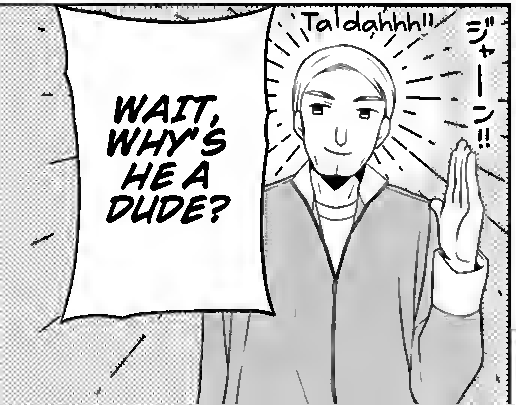

THERE'S NO WAY TO RESET IN REAL LIFE, THOUGH.
IF YOU RIDE AND DIE, THERE'S NO SECOND CHANCES.
IS THIS A SUR-VIVAL GAME OR SOME-THING?

RIGHT, BECAUSE IN THE MOUN-TAINS AT NIGHT, THE BEARS COME OUT.
BEARS ?!

From Chapter 64
HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT FALLING 900 METERS IS EVEN MORE DANGER-OUS.
I THOUGHT, WOW MOUN-TAINS REALLY ARE DAN-GEROUS.
WHEN I FELL FROM THE HEIGHT OF 900 METERS RECENTLY, I ENCOUN-TERED ONE.


I KINDA LIKE THAT SORT OF BITTER-SWEET SETTING...
That's nice
IN FACT, THE MANAGER IS THE MAIN CHARACTER'S IMPORTANT PARTNER, WHO PROVIDES PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT.


WHAT'S THIS HELP BUTTON?
THAT CALLS THE MANAGER FOR YOU.
HELP
LET'S CALL FOR HELP NOW!


WAIT, WHY'S HE A DUDE?
Ta!dahhh!!
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End screen
On-screen event still
I'M TAKING CARE OF YOU NOW, SO JUST RELAX, PLEASE...
DON'T PUT IN POINT-LESS FEATURES LIKE THIS!
WHEN DOES THIS GAME END, ANYWAY?
JUST 280 KM LEFT TO GO.
LONGEST RIDING RECORD - 2M 11CM
SOME DAYS LATER.
IT'S NOT DONE YET?
IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD FINISH BEFORE WE GRADUATE.
IT REALLY IS A CRAP GAME.